to elect the Deputy President. Recently the franchise for elections to the Council was enlarged. Fresh seats for election to the Legislative Council have also been opend.

Scheme of Constitutional Reforms.

304. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether a petition, memorial or representation embodying a scheme of Constitutional Reforms to be introduced was submitted to the Diwan President in the Legislative Council signed by most of the non-official Members of the first Legislative Council;

(b) when and by whom was it prsented to the Diwan President;

(c) how many non-official Members had subscribed their signature thereto;

(d) whether the scheme of Constitutional Reforms presented will be printed and placed on the table;

(e) what action has been taken thereon?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) On 3rd August 1926 by some of the non-official Members of the Council. (*Appendix IV*).

(c) 28.

(d) Copy laid on the table.

(e) It was reserved for the consideration of the Government.

Respecting the wishes of the non-officials.

305. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the occasions on which the Government had respected the wishes of the non-official majority (as distinguiseed from a majority of officials and nonofficials) even in cases where the non-official resolution has been lost by a vote of the whole House?

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APPENDIX II.

Present Scale of T. A. of the District Superintendents, Inspectors, Head Constables and Constables.

	(a) Name of Officer	Railway fare	Mileage	Daily allowance
			Annas	Rs. as.
1	District Superintendent	1½ 2nd Class	4	2
2	Inspectors, I grade drawing Rs. 100	Single 2nd Class	3	1
3	Inspectors, drawing Rs. 80 and above	1½ 3rd Class	2	12
4	All other Inspectors	do	2	8
5	Head Constables	do	2	8
6	Constables I grade drawing Rs. 16	Single 3rd Class	2	8
7	All other Constables drawing Rs. 14 and 12	do	1 anna	4

Scale before 1107.

	(b)		
District Superintendent	Double 2nd Class	6	2
Inspectors	do	4	1
Head Constables	Double 3rd Class	2	8
Constables	Single 3rd Class	2	8

APPENDIX III.

Copy of the order dated 18th August 1934 L. Dis. 20:35/08.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

Cut motions—action on—publication in the Gazette.

The Departments of the Secretariat will see that separate action is taken on each and every cut motion passed by the Legislative Council and the orders passed in each case are published in the Government Gazette in the form of Diwan's Proceedings.

(By order)
(Signed)
Secretary to the Diwan.

To

The Departments of the Secretariat.
Copy to the Legislative Council Secretary.

APPENDIX IV.

DRAFT CONSTITUTION FOR THE BETTER GOVERNMENT OF COCHIN.

1. His Highness the Maharaja of Cochin. (Constitutional Head of the State.)

2. The State Council.

There shall be a State Council to advice His Highness to exercise extraordinary powers under exceptional circumstances that may arise, and this Council shall be composed of:—

(a) The Diwan (Chief Minister) and the members of the Council of Ministers;

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(b) The Speaker of the Legislative House;
(c) The Head of the Department within which the question for consideration arises.

3. The Legislature.

The Cochin Legislative House shall be composed of not more than 60 and not less than 50 members, all elected by the people enjoying the franchise. The franchise to be granted to

(a) All tax-payers, and
(b) All graduates.

Women to have equal rights with men as at present.

Electorates to be composed of equal number of voters.

The Legislative House shall sit ordinarily for four years unless dissolved by His Highness earlier.

The Legislative House shall have full power of the purse, but the Palace shall be entitled to 5 per cent of the total revenues of the State and subsidy shall be paid according to the terms of the treaty with the Paramount Power.

All legislation shall be initiated and passed in the Legislative House subject to the assent or veto of His Highness the Maharaja.

The Executive shall be fully responsible to the Legislature.

The Speaker shall be elected by the Legislative House.

4. The Executive.

The Executive shall be composed of:—

The Diwan (Chief Minister) and a Council of 4 Ministers. The Chief Minister shall form the Council of Ministers from the members of the Legislative House and the Diwan shall be the President of this Council and shall have the power to divide the Portfolios among the Ministers as he chooses. The Ministry shall be jointly responsible to the House.

The Diwan (Chief Minister) shall be selected by His Highness from among the members of the Legislative House.

5. The Services.

There shall be a Public Service Commission appointed by His Highness for every five years and a Civil Service with permanent Heads of Departments to carry out the orders of the executive Government and to advise them. No member of the Civil Service shall sit in the Legislative House.

6. The Judiciary.

There shall be a Chief Court with three or more Judges appointed by His Highness the Maharaja and independent of the Legislature and the Executive. The Judges shall not be removed except by an address to His Highness the Maharaja on a vote of the Legislative House carried by two-thirds of the members in an extra-ordinary session.

All appointments in the Judicial Department shall be made by His Highness on the recommendation of the Chief Court.

7. Declaration of Rights.

(a) No citizen of Cochin shall be condemned except by an open Judicial trial and all shall have equal political and civil rights.
(b) No taxation shall be imposed on the people except by a vote of the Legislative House.
(c) All existing Regulations shall continue in force as such until amended or repealed by the Legislature.

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